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- Rain or Shine -  
ArtsFest is Set to Ignite Sweetheart Circle!



On **Saturday, April 5**, Sweetheart Circle will come alive as nearly 5,000 people gather to celebrate visual and performing art at the 32nd annual ArtsFest. This free festival, hosted by the Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art at Georgia Southern University, welcomes the community to become an artist of their own at our ArtStops while enjoying performances, food, and the local Artist Market. *Festivities will take place from 11 am until 5 pm.*

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"ArtsFest is way more than just an arts festival, it is a wonderful way to meet others in the community while learning to truly appreciate both visual and performing arts!" explains Lauren Mullins, Public Relations Intern for ArtsFest.

This year, ArtsFest invites patrons to watch an igniting display as our headline performers, Balefire, bring the magic of fire dancing from Atlanta. Gather around the community stage and rock out with the rising stars of Pladd Dot Music's School of Rock and watch the Georgia Southern's Mischief Makers in their performance of trickery.

Creative juices will be flowing through Sweetheart Circle as festivalgoers create their own artwork at 30 different ArtStops. With more community and organizational involvement this year than ever before, we are thrilled to introduce many new ArtStops alongside our community favorites. ArtStops allow participants to explore types, techniques, and art media while learning about various subject matters not always pertaining to fine art. Patrons can paint, sculpt, measure a fish, fractalize art, create paper flowers, tie-dye an ArtsFest t-shirt, graph sound waves, learn to dance, and much more - *all for free!* Not to mention, guests can grab some grub and admire one-of-a-kind artwork made by local Artisans in the Artist Market.

"Not only is ArtsFest quite possibly the largest public service event Georgia Southern offers, it provides a platform for our budding performers to build confidence in a social setting and our young artists to exemplify problem solving skills by offering multiple perspectives through creative thinking," says ArtsFest Director Stephanie Arends Neal,



ArtsFest is a non-profit event made possible by community and student volunteers. The Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art takes prides in giving back to the local community while offering events and services to provide students with valuable professional and leadership experience. ArtsFest'14 is supported in part by Georgia Southern University's Campus Life Enrichment Committee, Averitt Center for the Arts, Campus Evolution Villages, Pizza Hut, and Wal-Mart.

For a complete list of supporters and festival guide visit ArtsFest at [GeorgiaSouthern.edu/ArtsFest](http://GeorgiaSouthern.edu/ArtsFest).

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## PERFORMANCE SCHEDULES

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### MAIN STAGE

**11:00 a.m.**  
Southern Saxophones

**12:00 p.m.**  
Balefire

**12:45 p.m.**  
Mischief Makers  
*Georgia Southern's Theatre & Performance*

**1:40 p.m.**  
Balefire

**2:20 p.m.**  
School of Rock  
*Pladd Dot Music*

**3:30 p.m.**  
Balefire

**4:00 p.m.**  
School of Rock  
*Pladd Dot Music*

## COMMUNITY STAGE

**11 a.m.**  
Gail Hursey School of Dance

**12:00 p.m.**  
Statesboro Youth Theater

**12:45 p.m.**  
Statesboro Youth Ballet

**1:15 p.m.**  
Averitt Center for the Arts After Hours

**2:15 p.m.**  
Performance Works Players

**3:00 p.m.**  
Claxton Youth Choral

**3:30 p.m.**  
Averitt Starz

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